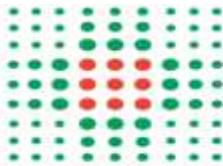




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## I NUMERI DEL CANCRO IN EMILIA ROMAGNA: AMBIENTE, STILI DI VITA, SCREENING FOCUS SU TUMORI DEL POLMONE E COLON-RETTO



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## Immunoterapia: evoluzione e selezione del paziente

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# Summary of PD-1/PD-L1 Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors Approved for Advanced NSCLC

	<b>Nivolumab<sup>[1]</sup> (Anti-PD-1)</b>	<b>Pembrolizumab<sup>[2]</sup> (Anti-PD-1)</b>	<b>Atezolizumab<sup>[3]</sup> (Anti-PD-L1)</b>
Dose/schedule	240 mg every 2 wks; 480 mg every 4 wks	200 mg every 3 wks	1200 mg every 3 wks
Requirement for PD-L1 expression/approved settings	No; second line or later	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ First-line monotherapy if ≥ 50% PD-L1 expression</li><li>■ First line in combination with chemotherapy*</li><li>■ After chemotherapy if ≥ 1% PD-L1 expression</li></ul>	No; second line or later
PD-L1 IHC assay	Dako 28-8 <sup>[4]</sup>	Dako 22C3 <sup>[5]</sup>	Ventana SP142 <sup>[6]</sup>
Definition of PD-L1 positive	PD-L1(+): ≥ 1% Strong(+): ≥ 5%	PD-L1(+): ≥ 1% Strong(+): ≥ 50%	PD-L1(+): ≥ 50% TC or ≥ 10% IC

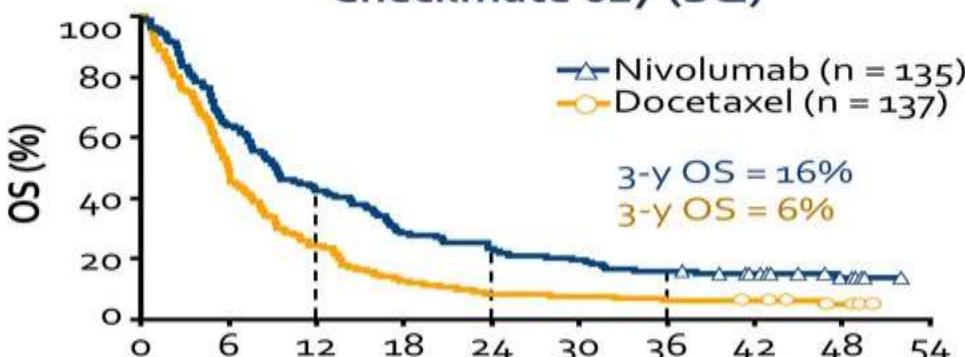
# Overview of Immunotherapy as Second-line or Subsequent Therapy for Advanced NSCLC

Compound	Trial	ORR, %	PFS, Mos (Range)	OS, Mos (Range)
Nivolumab	CheckMate 017 <sup>[1]</sup>	20.0	3.5 (2.1-4.9)	9.2 (7.3-13.3)
	CheckMate 057 <sup>[2]</sup>	19.2	2.3 (2.2-3.3)	12.2 (9.7-15.0)
Pembrolizumab	KEYNOTE 010* <sup>[3]</sup>	18	3.9 (3.1-4.1)	10.4 (9.4-11.9)
			4.0 (2.7-4.3)	12.7 (10.0-17.3)
Atezolizumab	OAK <sup>[4]</sup>	14.0	2.8 (2.6-3.0)	13.8 (11.8-15.7)

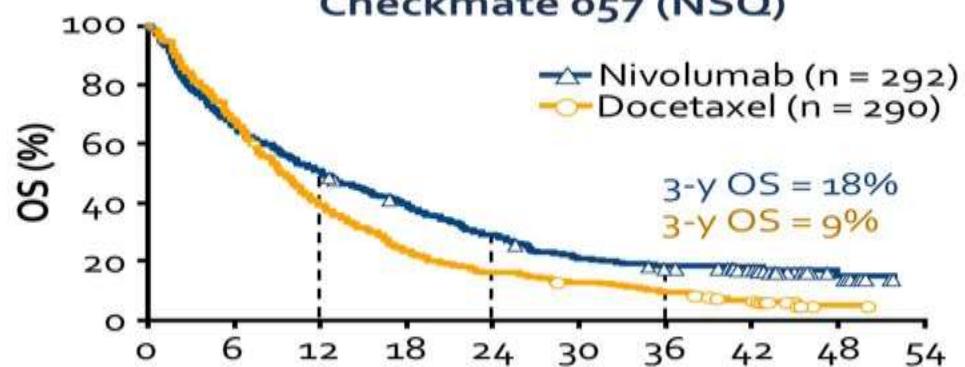
	Checkmate 017 <sup>1</sup>	Checkmate 057 <sup>1</sup>	KEYNOTE 010 <sup>2</sup>				POPLAR <sup>3</sup>		
	Nivo (n=113)	DTX (n=129)	Nivo (n=287)	DTX (n=268)	Pembro 2 mg/kg (n=339)	Pembro 10 mg/kg (n=343)	DTX (n=309)	Atezo (n=142)	DTX (n=135)
TRAEs, %									
Any grade	61	87	71	88	63	66	81	67	88
Grade 3–4	8	56	11	54	13	16	35	12	39
Grade 5	0	2	<1	<1	1	1	2	1	2

## A consistent but limited OS benefit in 2<sup>nd</sup> line

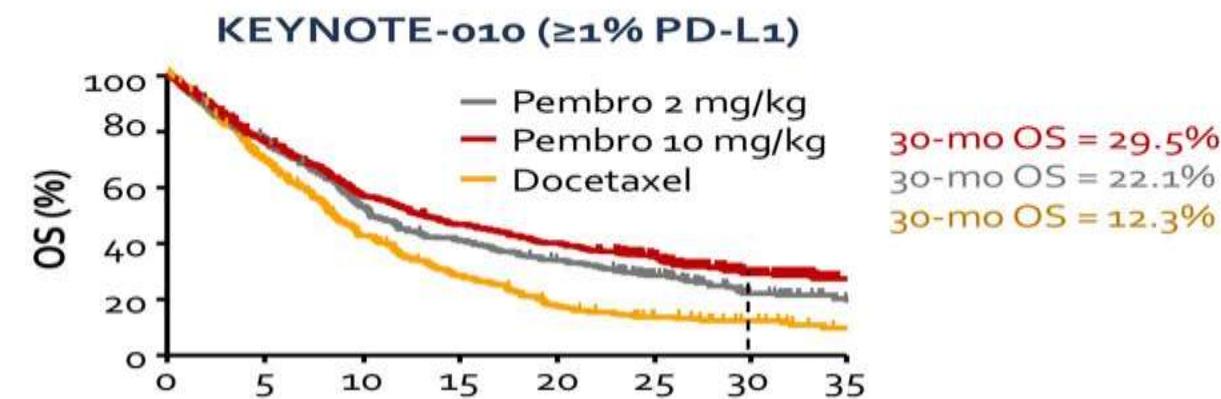
**Checkmate 017 (SQ)**



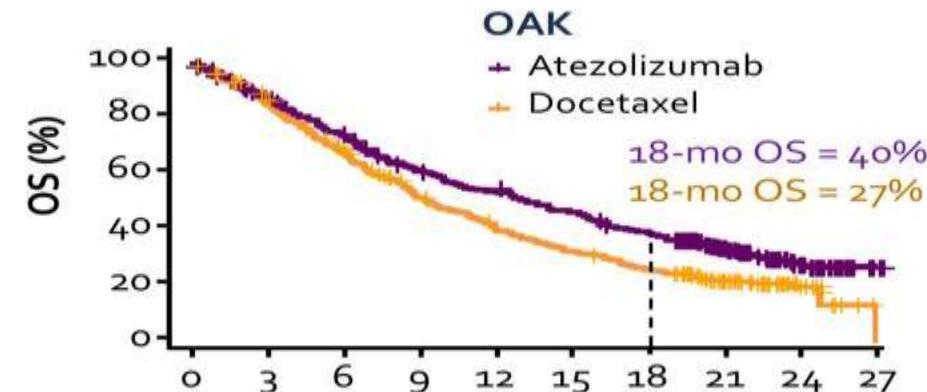
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**KEYNOTE-010 ( $\geq 1\%$  PD-L1)**

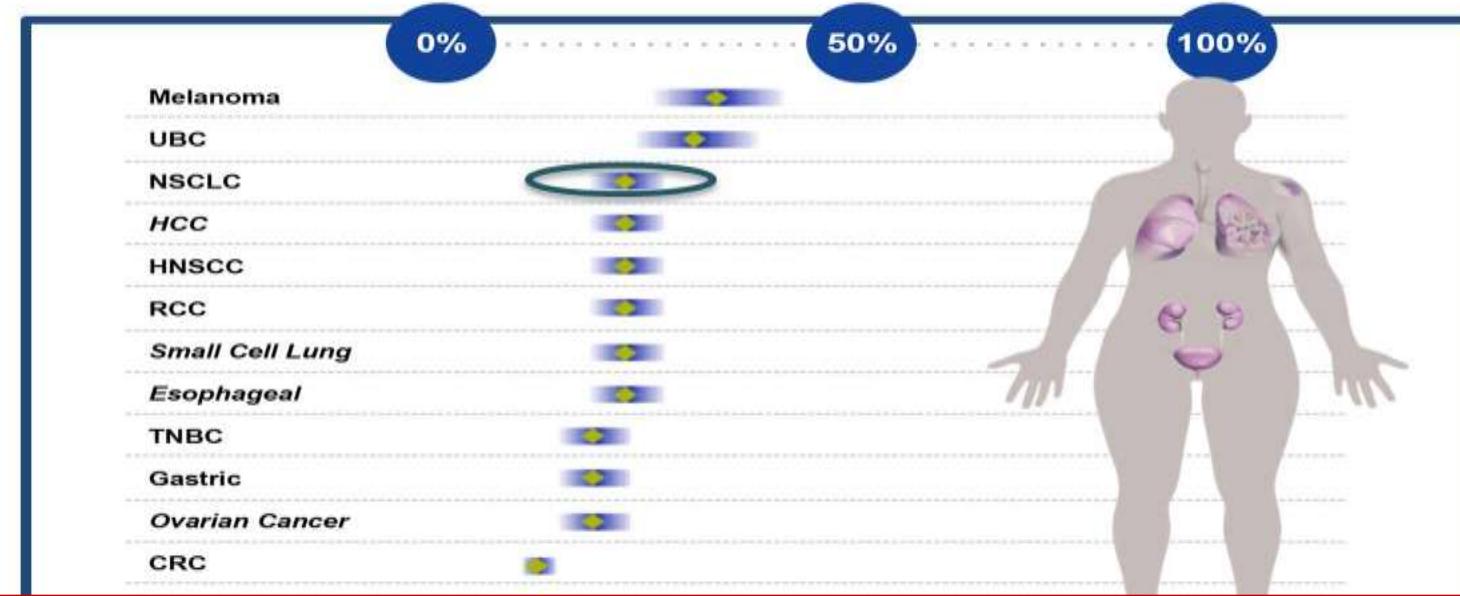


**OAK**



Felip, ESMO 2017; Herbst, ASCO 2017; Rittmeyer, Lancet 2017

## Anti PD(L)-1 monotherapy results in response in a minority of cancer patients



# Selection of Patients

# 1) Clinical Features

- Multivariate analyses showed no impact on survival for age, sex, TNM stage, or histology
  - Patients with brain metastases had poorer survival and response (RR: 16%)
  - Patients with ECOG PS  $\geq 2$  had poorer survival and response (RR: 12%)

Characteristics	Univariate Analysis			Multivariate Analysis (n = 889)		
	HR	95% CI	P Value	HR	95% CI	P Value
ECOG PS $\geq 2$ (vs 0/1)	2.24	1.85-2.72	< .0001	2.21	1.82-2.69	< .0001
Brain metastasis Yes (vs no)	1.39	1.15-1.68	.001	1.38	1.15-1.67	.0007

## 2) Use of Steroids at Treatment Initiation

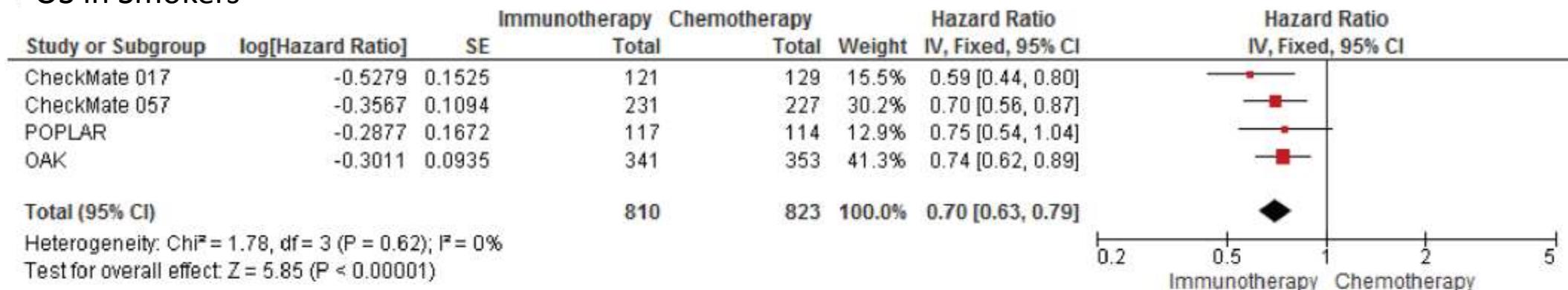
- 640 patients receiving single agent PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor at MSKCC or Gustave Roussy
  - Identified 90 patients (14%) receiving  $\geq$  10-mg/day prednisone equivalents at the time of starting PD-1/PD-L1 therapy
    - Indications: dyspnea (33%), fatigue (21%), brain metastases (19%)
    - Baseline steroids associated with decreased ORR and shorter PFS and OS

Cohort	PFS		OS		ORR With Steroids, %	ORR, No Steroids, %
MSKCC	HR: 1.9	$P < .01$	HR: 2.7	$P < .01$	6	19
GRCC	HR: 1.6	$P = .04$	HR: 2.5	$P < .01$	8	18

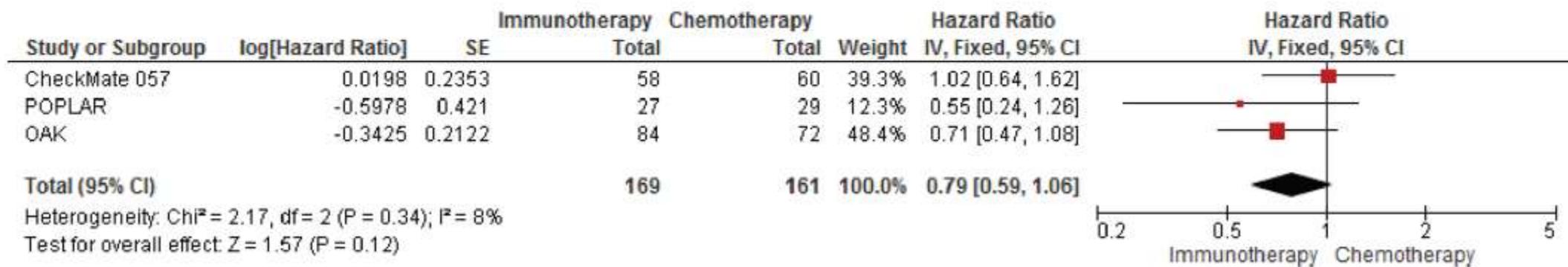
### 3) Smoking Status

In second-line setting, ICI therapy improved OS vs CT in ever-smokers but not in never-smokers

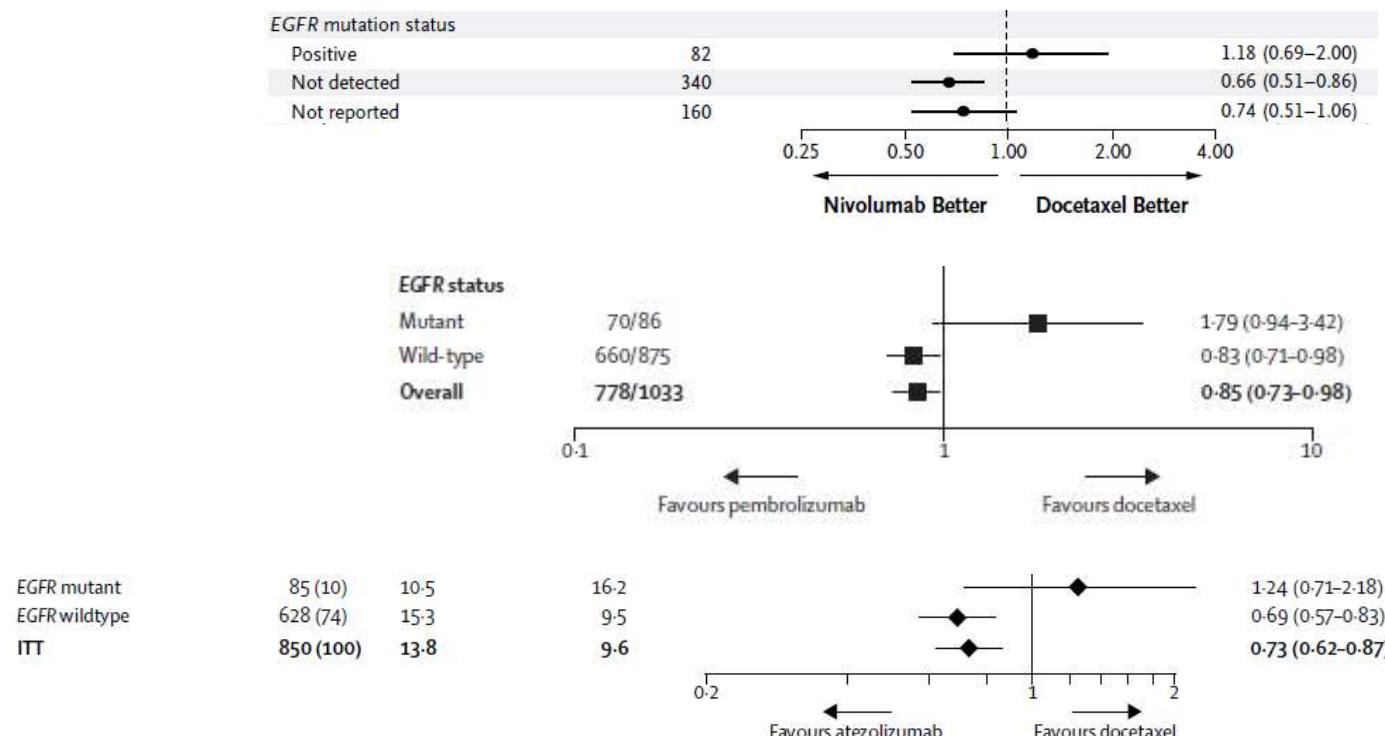
#### OS in Smokers



#### OS in Non-Smokers



# 4) EGFR Mutation–Positive Adv NSCLC



## CHECKMATE 057 Nivolumab vs Docetaxel

## KEYNOTE-010 Pembrolizumab vs Docetaxel

## OAK Atezolizumab vs Docetaxel

- In retrospective analysis, 3.6% response to PD-L1 pathway inhibitors (n = 28) compared with 23.3% (n = 30) in similar EGFR WT cohorts<sup>[5]</sup>
  - Few patients with both PD-L1 ≥ 5% and high CD8+ TILs (2%, n = 48)
- Retrospective analysis of PD-L1 expression in EGFR-mutant NSCLC found 49% of patients PD-L1 negative and only 8% with PD-L1 ≥ 50%, and TMB largely low<sup>[6]</sup>
  - Comparison for all NSCLC: PDL1 0% (34%), PDL1 1-49% (38%), PDL1≥50% (28%)

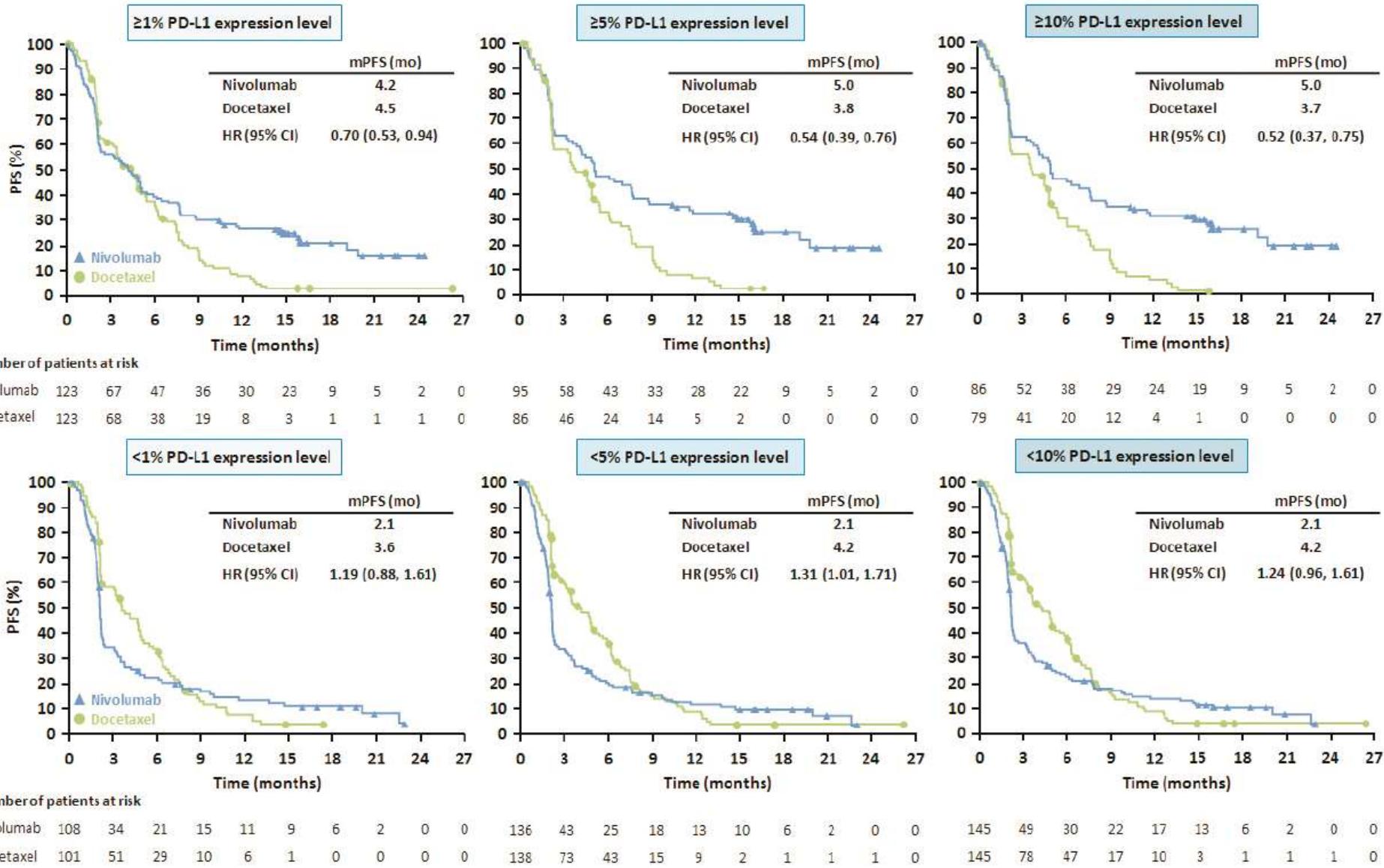
# ImmunoTarget Cohort

## Conclusion

Driver	n	RR	PFS	OS	Impact (+/X) on PFS of				Comments
					PDL1	Smoking	Nb line	Subtype	
Total		19%	2.8	13.3					Outcome consistent with registration trials for ICI
KRAS	271	26%	3.2	13.5	+	X	X	X	Clear benefit across all subgroups
EGFR	125	12%	2.1	10	+	X	X	X	Could be considered in PDL1 + after TKIs exhaustion
BRAF	43	24%	3.1	13.6	X	+	X	NA	Could be considered in smokers
MET	36	16%	3.4	18.4	NA	X	NA	X	Could be considered after conventional treatment
HER2	29	7%	2.5	20.3	NA	+	X	NA	
ALK	23	0	2.5	17					
RET	16	6%	2.1	21.3	X	X	X	NA	Poor outcome. New biomarker needed.
ROS1	7	17%	-	-					

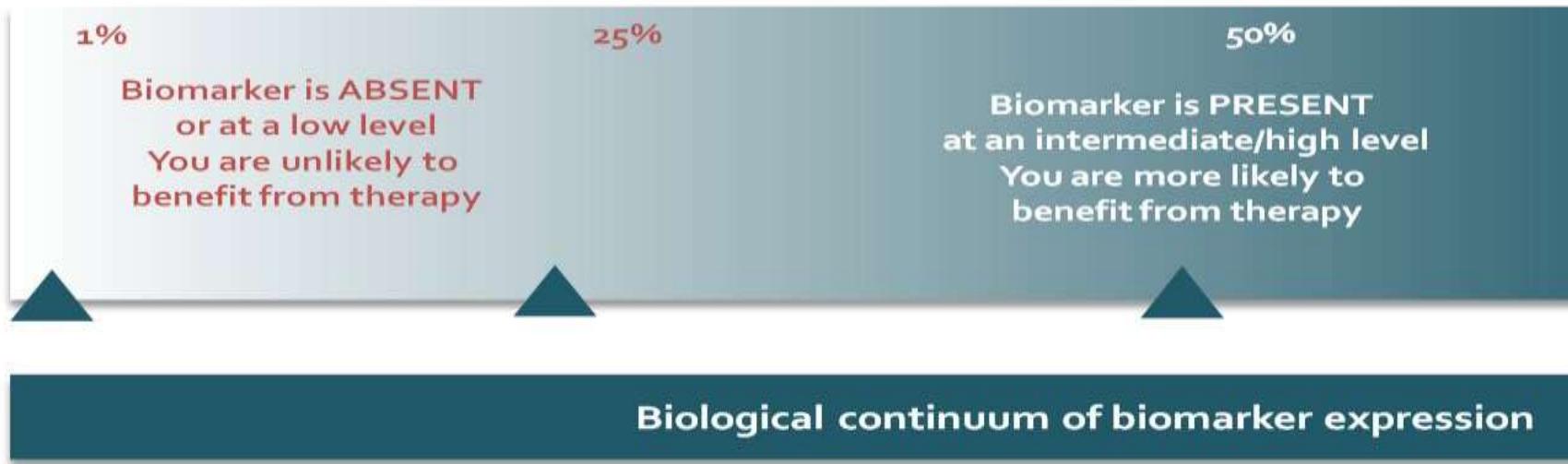
# 5) Biomarkers: PD-L1 expression

Nivolumab

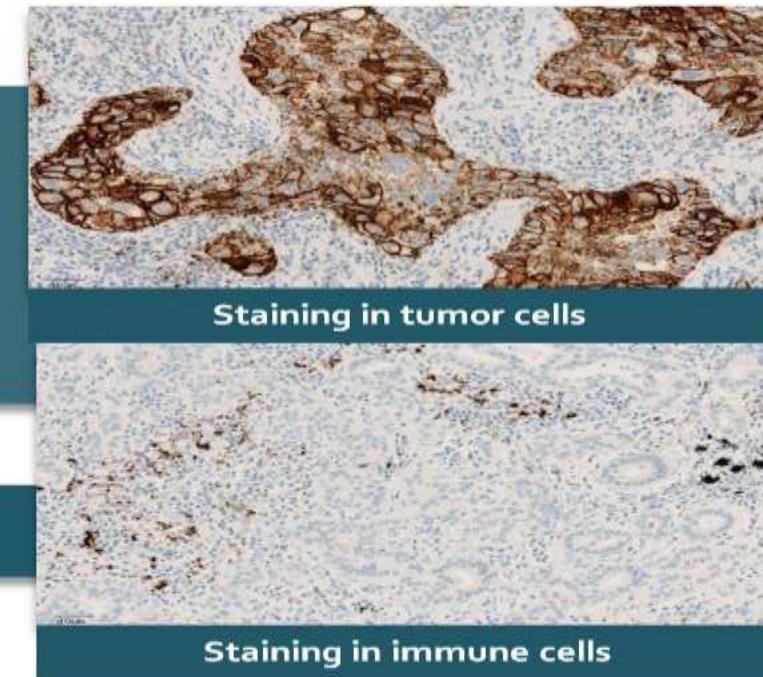


# PD-L1 positivity

## Present, absent, or graduated?



How do we define positivity?  
Do we need cut-offs or intervals?  
Where do we set the cutoff value?

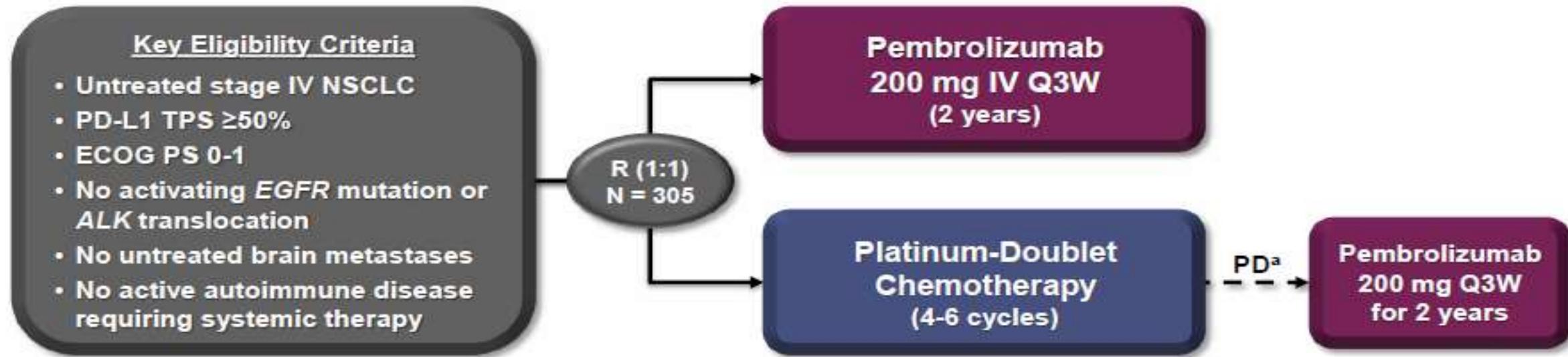


# **KEYNOTE-024: Pembrolizumab vs Platinum-Based Chemotherapy as First-Line Therapy for Advanced NSCLC With a PD-L1 TPS $\geq$ 50%**

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# KEYNOTE-024 Study Design (NCT02142738)



## Key End Points

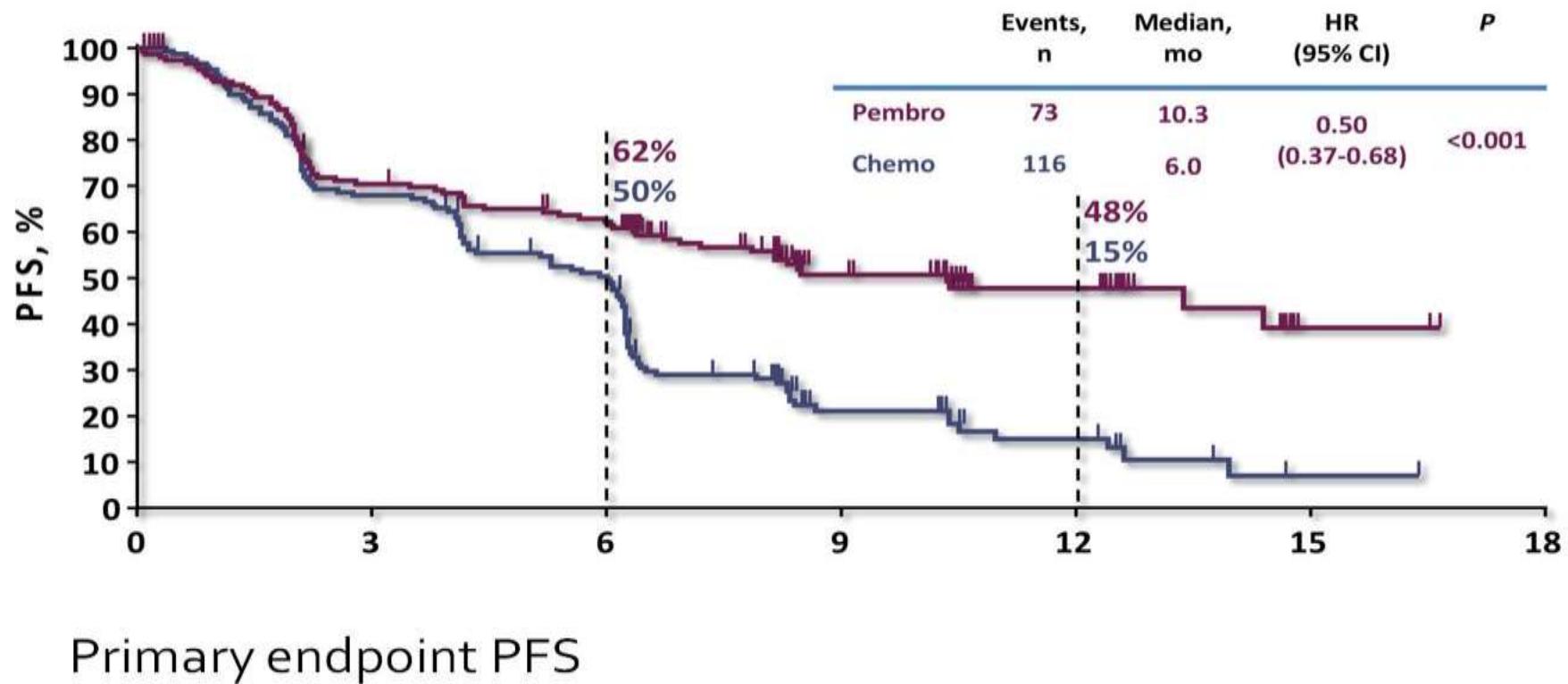
Primary: PFS (RECIST v1.1 per blinded, independent central review)

Secondary: OS, ORR, safety

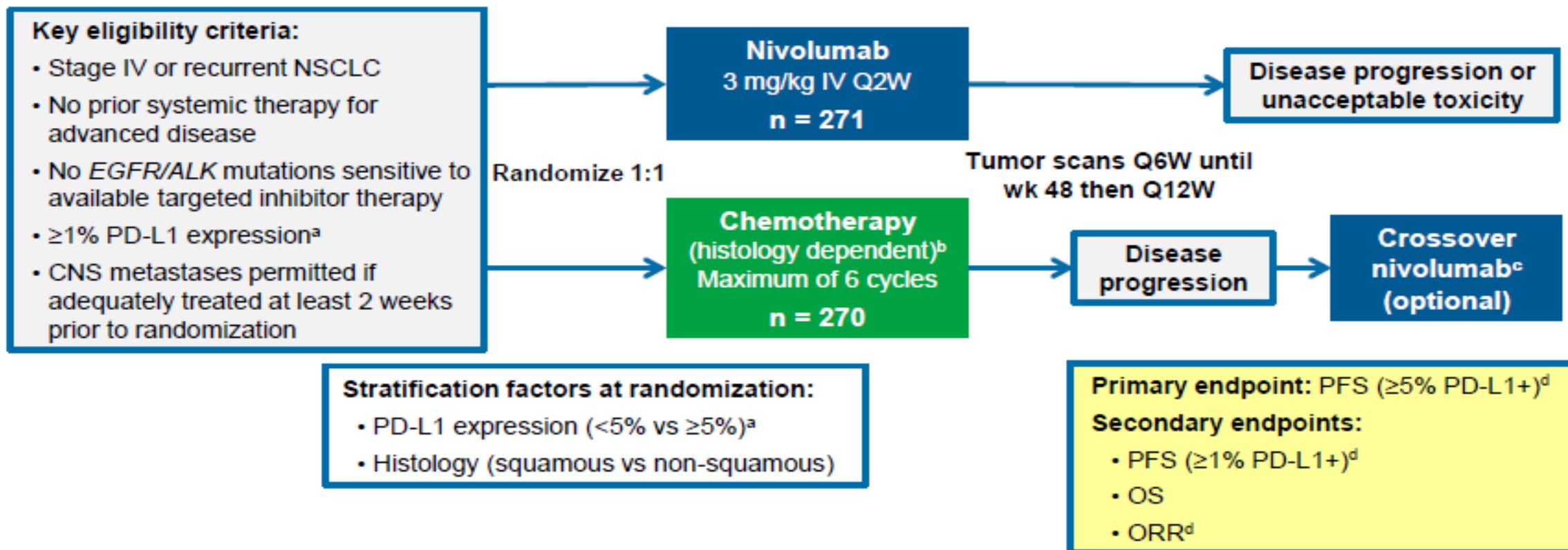
Exploratory: DOR

<sup>a</sup>To be eligible for crossover, progressive disease (PD) had to be confirmed by blinded, independent central radiology review and all safety criteria had to be met.

# Pembrolizumab is better than chemo in PD-L1 $\geq 50\%$ KEYNOTE-024



# Phase 3 CheckMate 026 Study Design: Nivolumab vs Chemotherapy in First-line NSCLC



<sup>a</sup>Dako 28-8 validated; archival tumor samples obtained ≤6 months before enrollment were permitted; PD-L1 testing was centralized

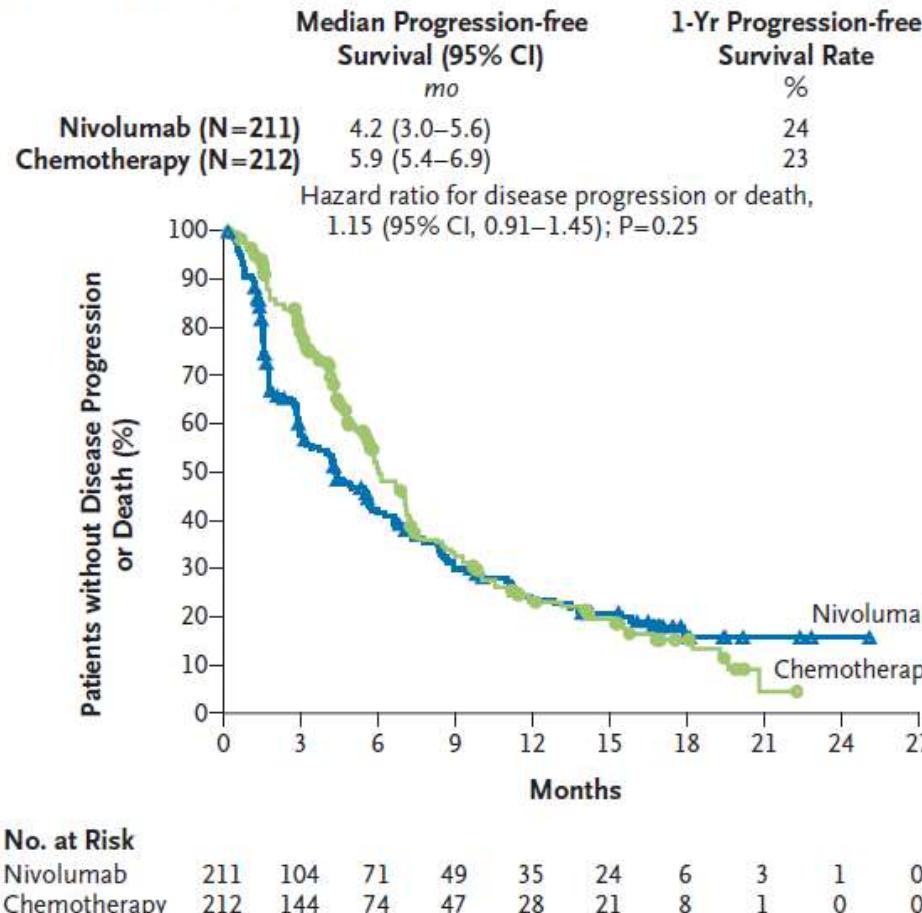
<sup>b</sup>Squamous: gemcitabine 1250 mg/m<sup>2</sup> + cisplatin 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup>; gemcitabine 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> + carboplatin AUC 5; paclitaxel 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> + carboplatin AUC 6;  
Non-squamous: pemetrexed 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> + cisplatin 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup>; pemetrexed 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> + carboplatin AUC 6; option for pemetrexed maintenance therapy

<sup>c</sup>Permitted if crossover eligibility criteria met, including progression confirmed by independent radiology review

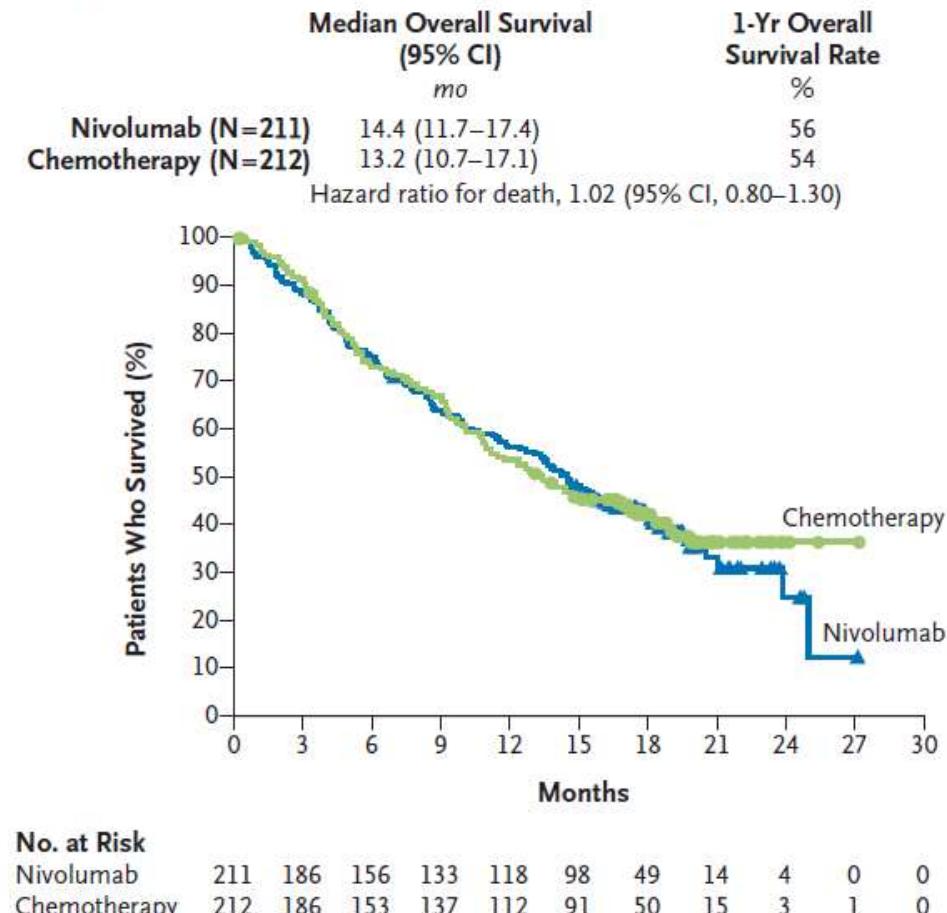
<sup>d</sup>Tumor response assessment for PFS and ORR per RECIST v1.1 as determined by independent central review

# Nivolumab is not superior to chemotherapy in PD-L1 $\geq 5\%$

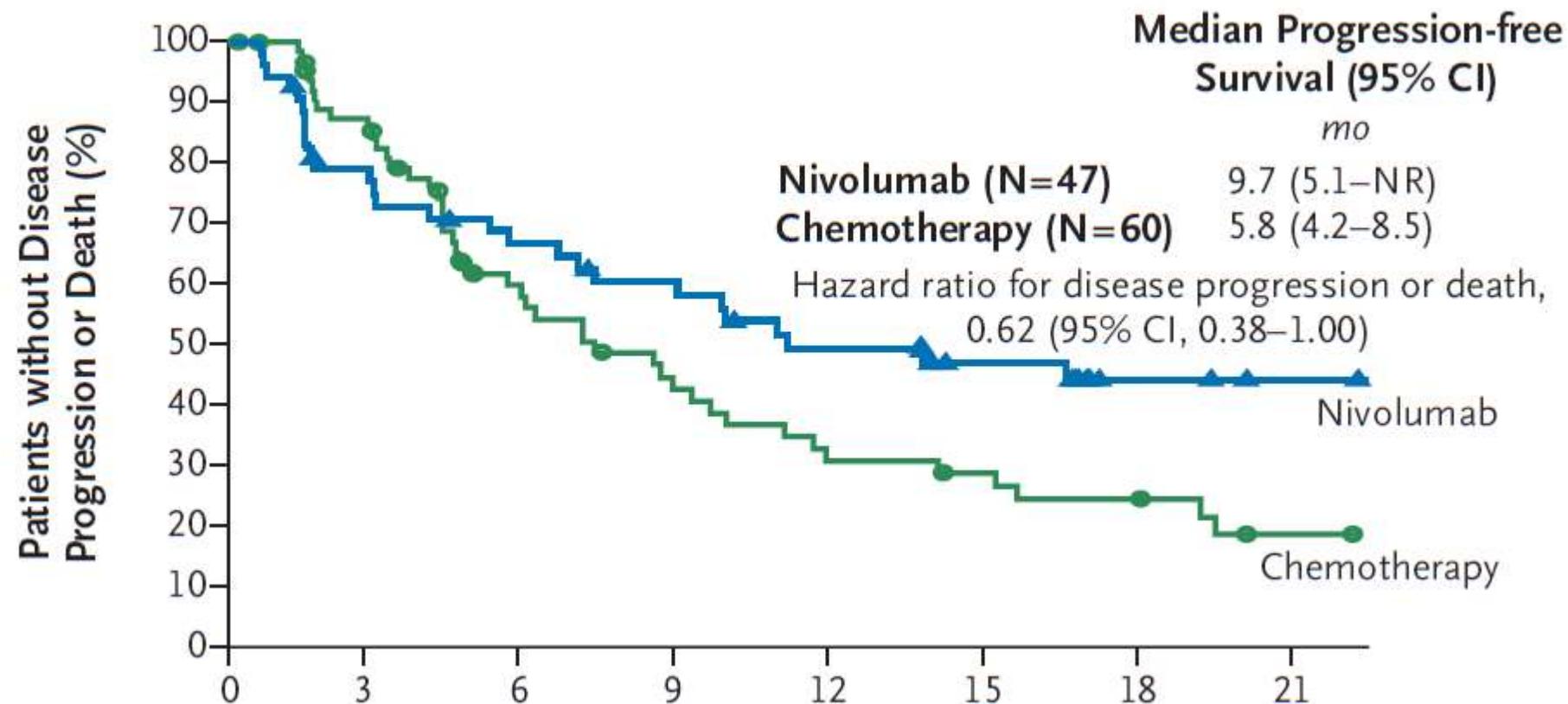
Progression-free Survival



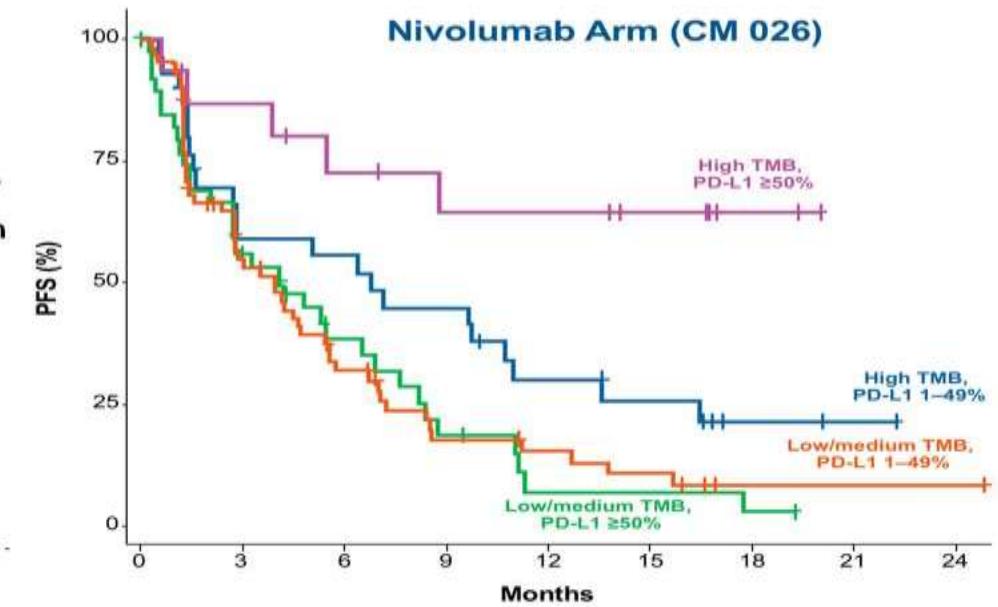
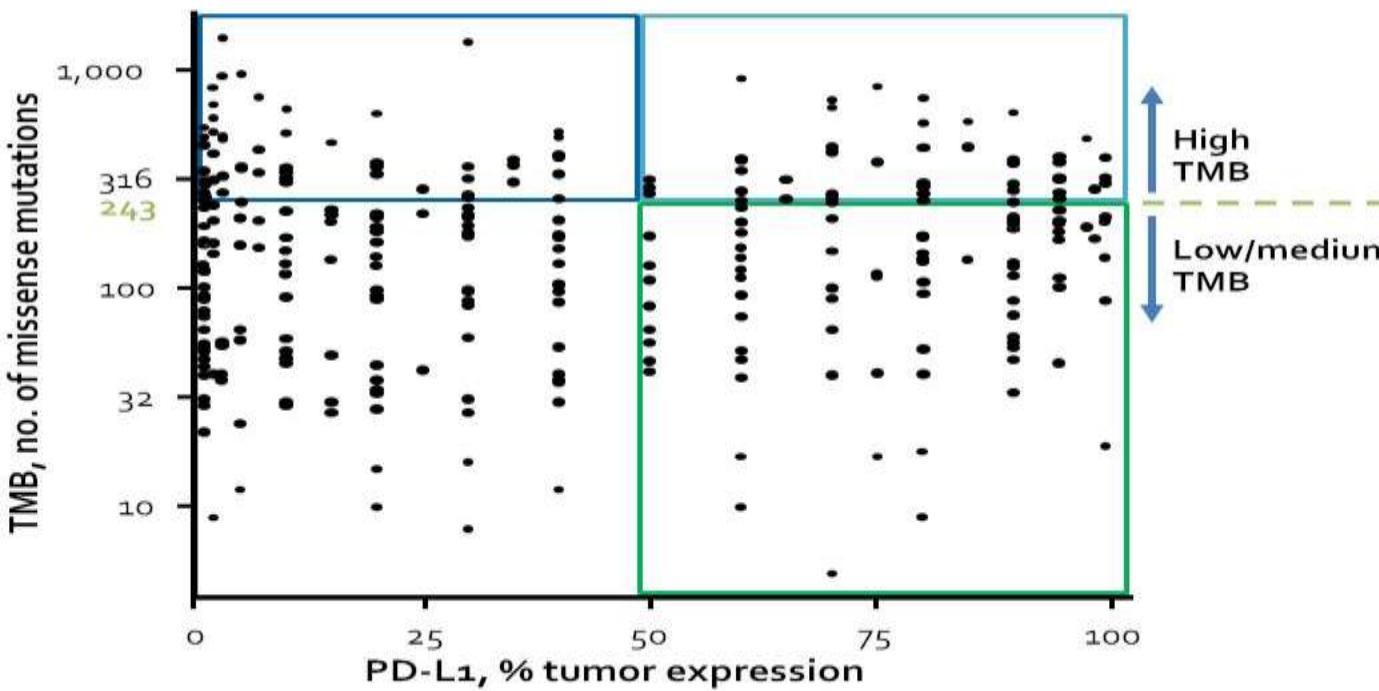
Overall Survival



## Progression-free Survival among Patients with High Tumor-Mutation Burden

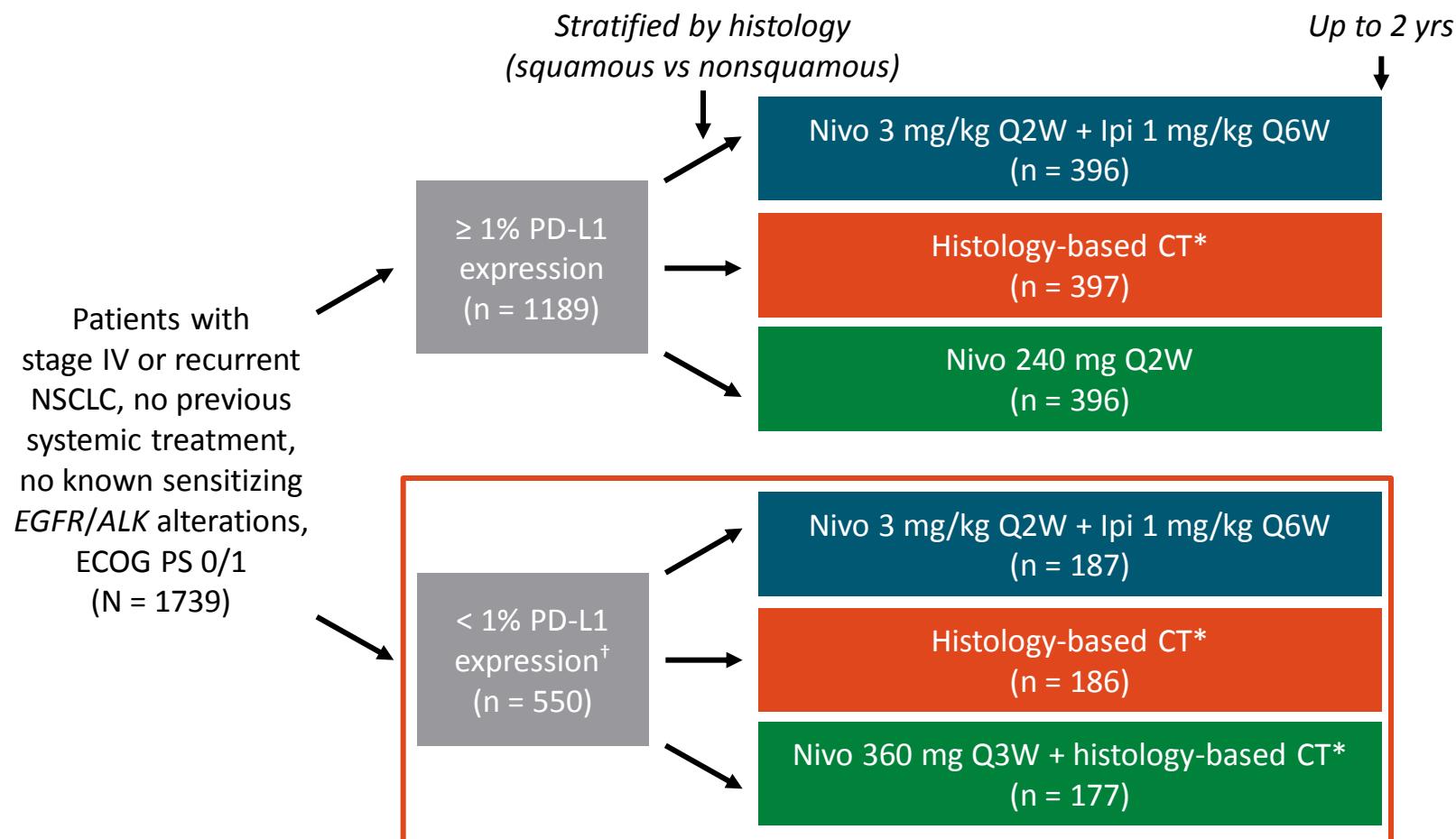


# TMB is not correlated to PD-L1 expression Both biomarkers might be additive



# CheckMate 227 Nivo+CT vs Nivo+Ipi vs CT in NSCLC : Study Design

- Randomized, open-label, multipart phase III trial



- Coprimary endpoints: OS in PD-L1-selected populations, PFS in TMB-selected populations receiving nivolumab + ipilimumab vs CT

- Secondary endpoint (current analysis): PFS in patients with < 1% PD-L1 expression receiving nivolumab + CT vs CT

\*Nonsquamous: pem + cis or carbo Q3W for  $\leq 4$  cycles with optional maintenance (CT: pem; nivolumab + CT: nivolumab + pem); squamous: gem + cis or carbo Q3W for  $\leq 4$  cycles.

<sup>†</sup>1 patient randomized as < 1% PD-L1 and subsequently determined to have  $\geq 1\%$  PD-L1 expression.

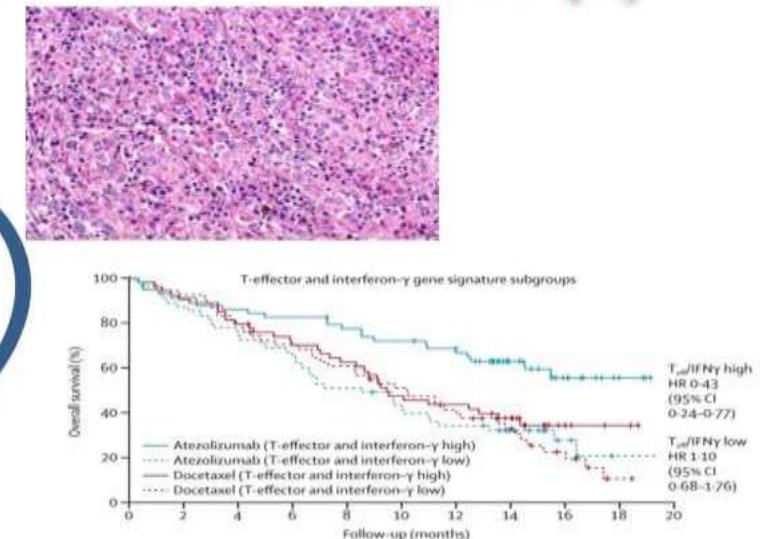
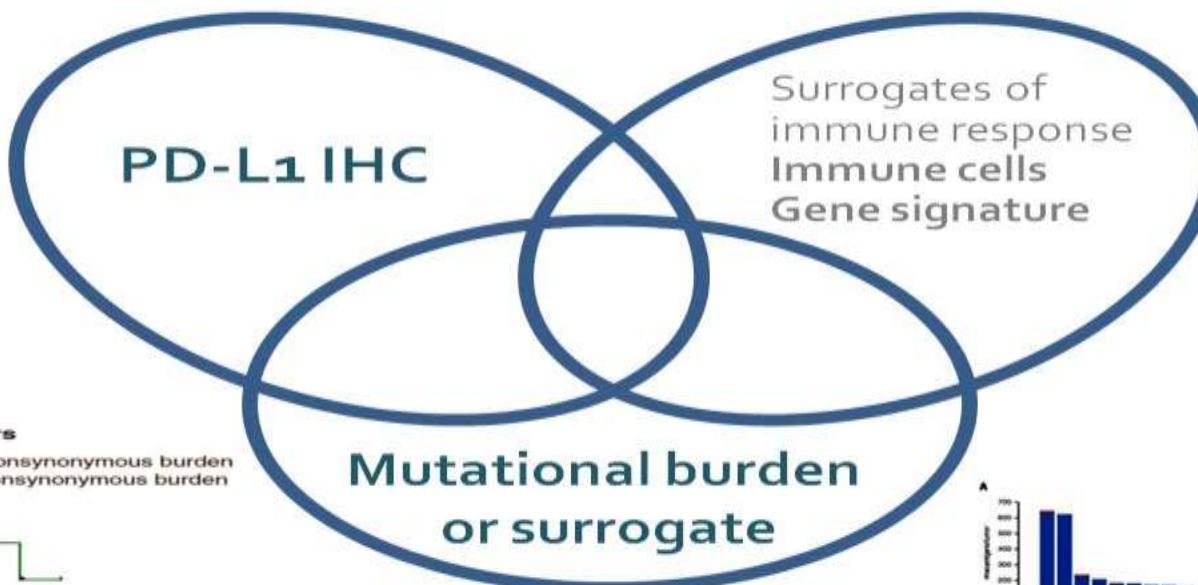
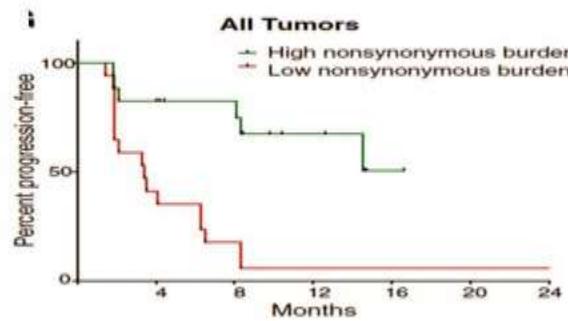
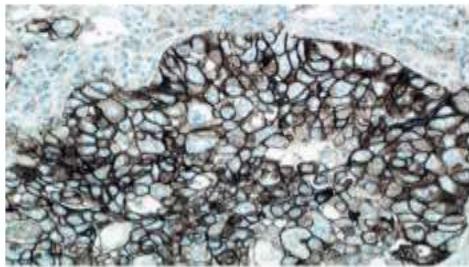
# CheckMate 227: Response in Patients With < 1% PD-L1 Expression

Response	Nivolumab + CT	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab	CT
<b>Overall</b>			
■ ORR, n/N (%)	65/177 (36.7)	47/187 (25.1)	43/186 (23.1)
■ Median DoR, mos	7.2	18.0	4.7
■ ≥ 1-yr DoR, %	28	72	24
<b>TMB ≥ 10 mut/Mb</b>			
■ ORR, n/N (%)	26/43 (60.5)*	14/38 (36.8)	10/48 (20.8) <sup>†</sup>
■ Median DoR, mos	7.4	NR	4.4
■ ≥ 1-yr DoR, %	33	93	NC

\*For TMB < 10 mut/Mb, 27.8%. <sup>†</sup>For TMB < 10 mut/Mb, 22.0%.

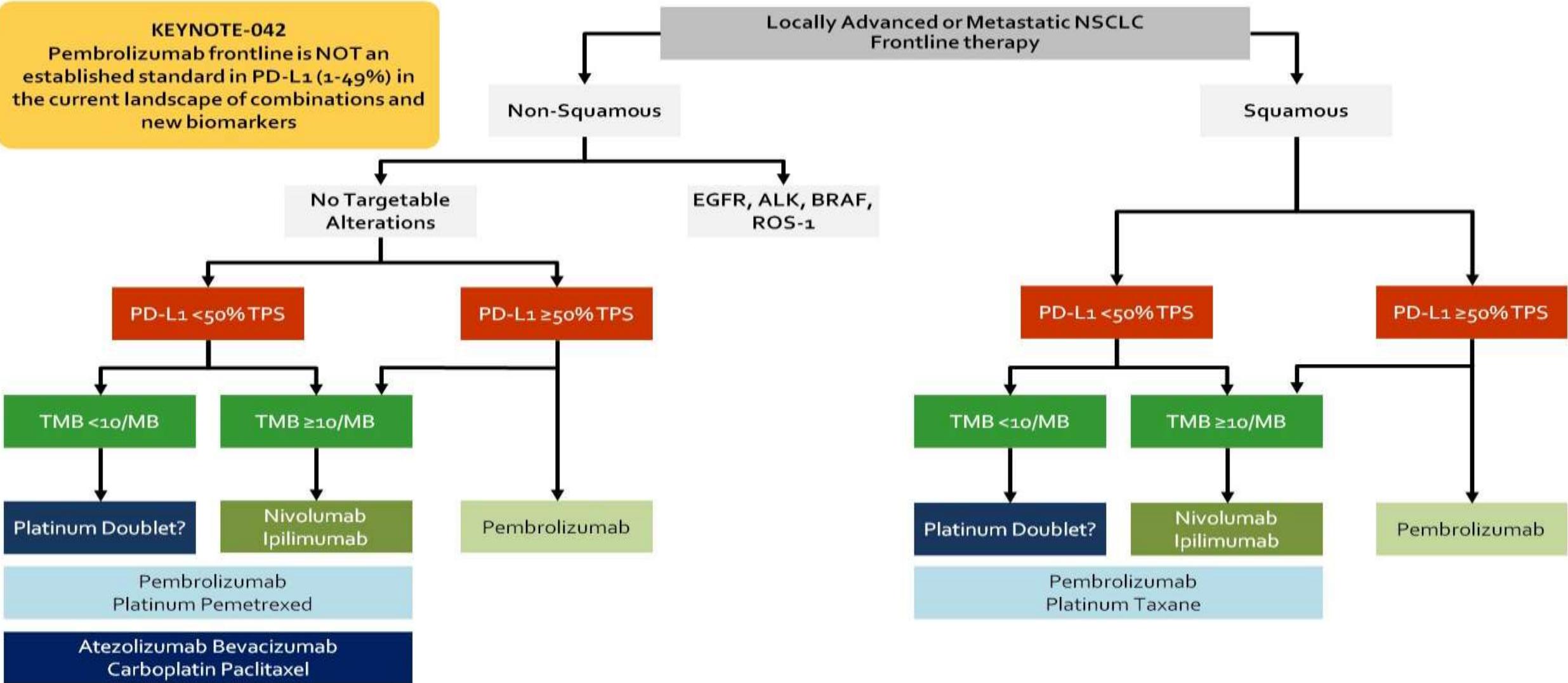
- Responses with nivolumab + ipilimumab appear to be very durable

# Biomarkers currently applied for NSCLC immunotherapy



Rizvi, Science 2015; Fehrenbacher, Lancet 2016; McGranahan, Science 2016; Kerr, ASCO 2016

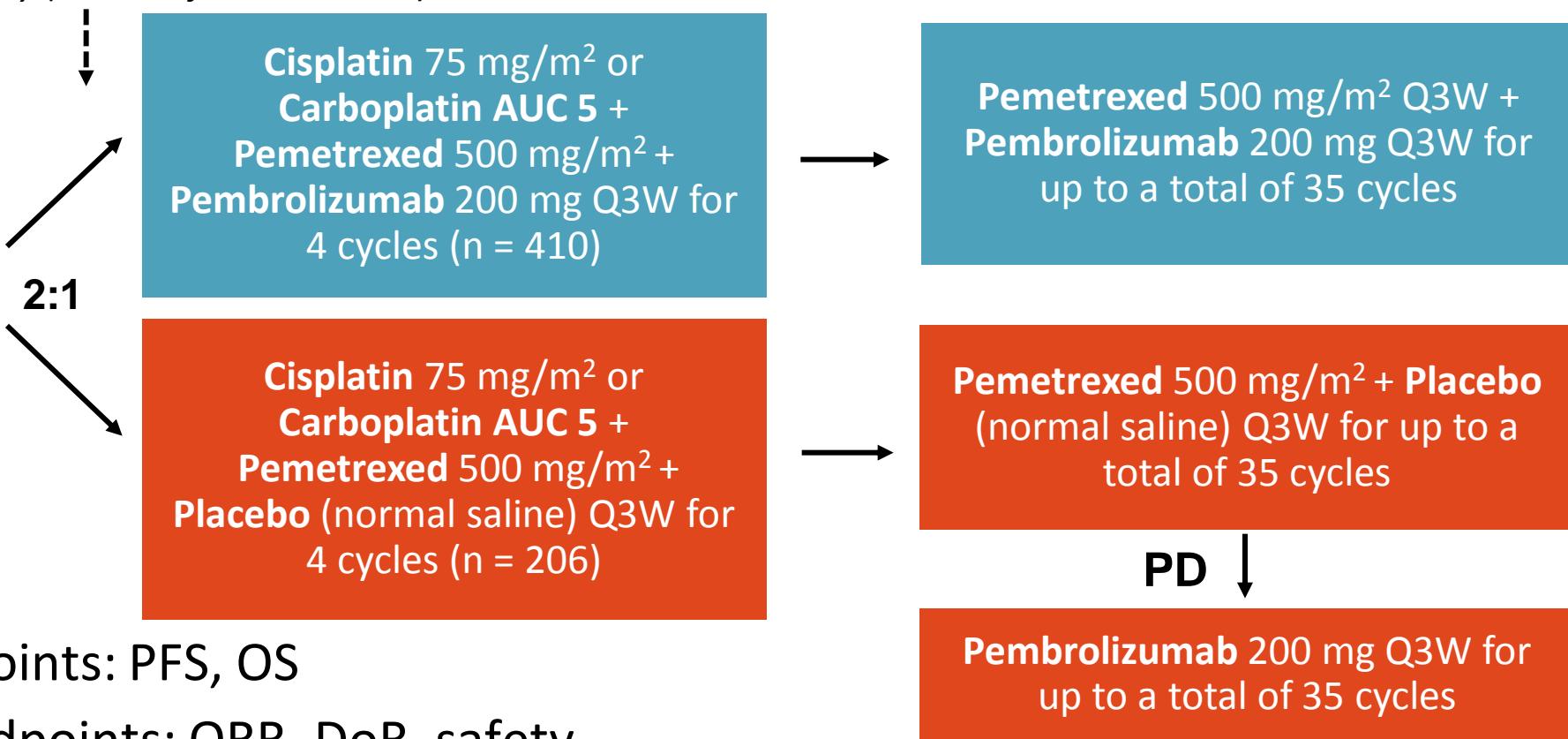
**KEYNOTE-042**  
Pembrolizumab frontline is NOT an established standard in PD-L1 (1-49%) in the current landscape of combinations and new biomarkers



# Phase III KEYNOTE-189: First-line Platinum/Pemetrexed ± Pembrolizumab in Advanced NSCLC

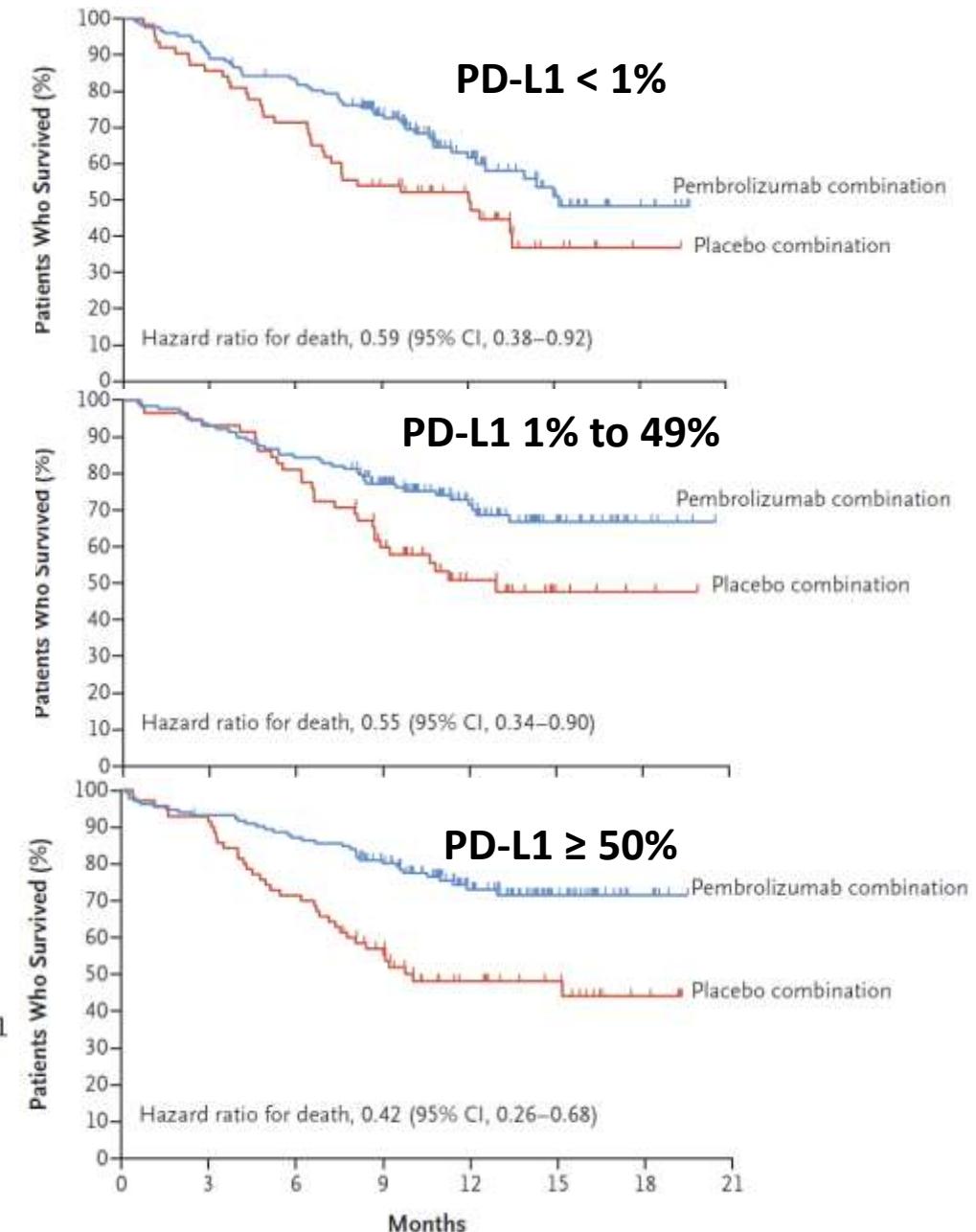
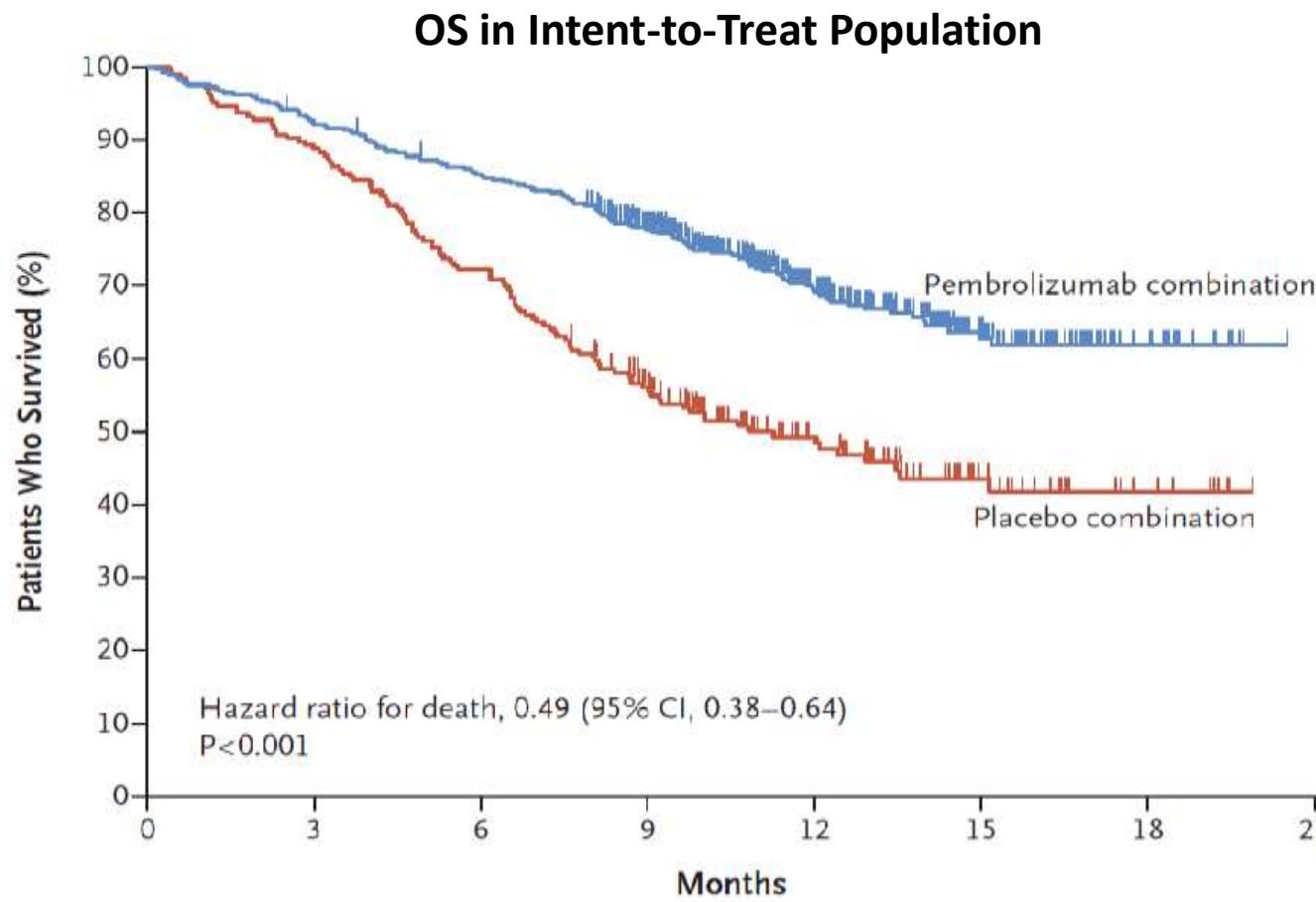
Stratified by PD-L1 TPS (< 1% vs ≥ 1%), cisplatin vs carboplatin, smoking history (never vs former/current)

Patients with untreated stage IV nonsquamous NSCLC;  
EGFR, ALK neg;  
ECOG PS 0 or 1;  
any PD-L1 expression;  
no prior systemic treatment; no systematic brain metastases  
(N = 616)

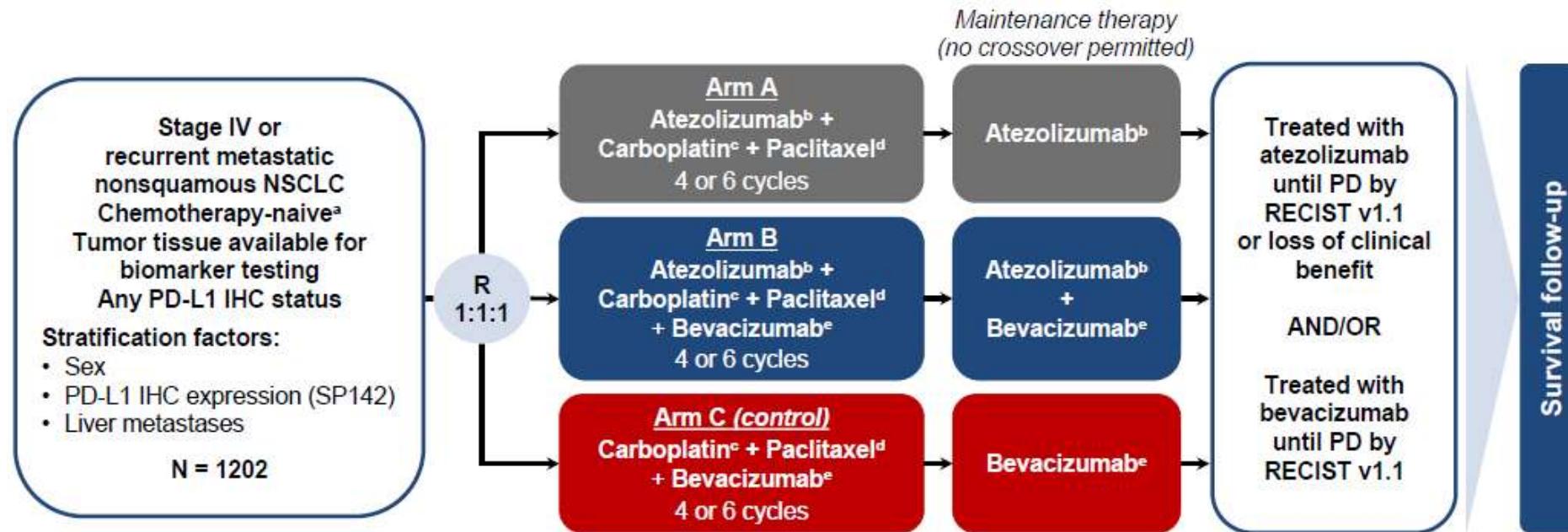


- Primary endpoints: PFS, OS
- Secondary endpoints: ORR, DoR, safety

# KEYNOTE-189: OS



# IMpower150: Atezolizumab + Carbo/Pac + Bevacizumab in Nonsquamous NSCLC



## 1 Co-primary objectives

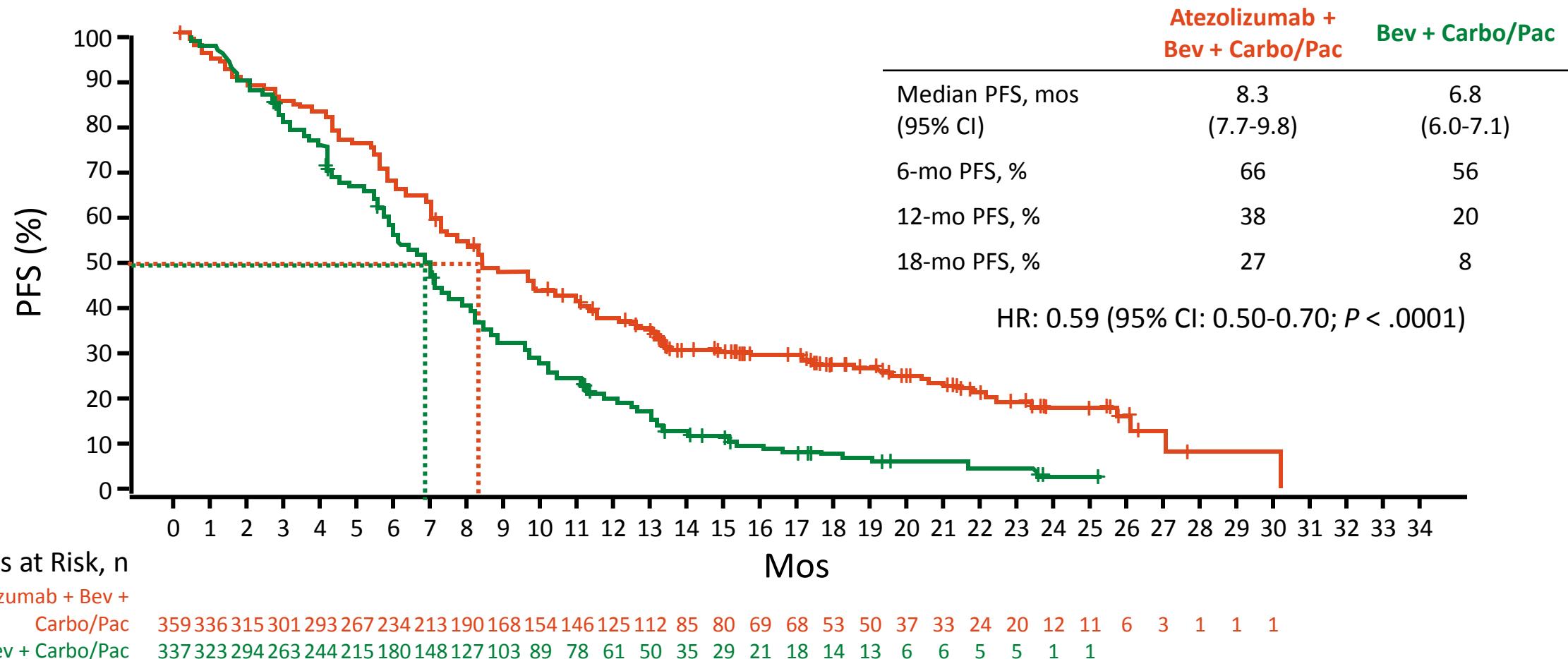
- Investigator-assessed PFS in ITT-WT
- Investigator-assessed PFS in Teff-high WT
- OS in ITT-WT

## 2 Key secondary objectives

- Investigator-assessed PFS and OS in ITT
- Investigator-assessed PFS in PD-L1 IHC subgroups
- Independent review facility (IRF)-assessed PFS
- ORR and DOR per RECIST v1.1
- Safety in ITT

- Subgroup analysis of EGFR/ALK+ patients in Arms B and C (14% of ITT population) with progression or intolerance on targeted therapy prior to enrollment

# IMpower150: Updated PFS in ITT WT Population\* (Coprimary Endpoint)



\*ITT WT: patients without EGFR or ALK genetic alterations; 87% of randomized patients.

Median follow-up: ~ 20 mos.

# Conclusions

- Present:
  - 3 drugs approved with high activity in a limited population
- Future:
  - Identify the right patient for right therapeutic schedule
  - Increase the offer of therapeutic strategies in term of combination and schedule